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LeMahieu Applauds Bipartisan Passage of Speed Limit Increase *Assembly Approves Increasing Speed Limit to 70 mph on 76-22 Vote*

Madison – On Tuesday, the state Assembly approved legislation authored by Senator Devin LeMahieu (R-Oostburg) to increase the maximum speed limit in Wisconsin to 70 mph. The legislation passed on a bipartisan vote of 76-22.

“I am pleased a large, bipartisan majority voted in favor of increasing the maximum speed limit to 70 mph,” stated LeMahieu. “Wisconsin has not revised its speed limit laws since 1996. We are now the last state in the Midwest with a 65 mph speed limit.”

The legislation, Assembly Bill 27, authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) to increase the speed limit to 70 mph on 4-lane highways. DOT is not required to increase the speed limit from 65 mph if doing so is unsafe.

“As I’ve stated before, I would not support a speed limit increase if doing so would compromise safety,” continued LeMahieu.

The 70 mph speed limit bill now goes to the state Senate, where the proposal also enjoys bipartisan support. This is the second time the lead Assembly author, Rep. Paul Tittl, has attempted to pass a speed limit increase.

“My thanks to Representative Paul Tittl for his hard work and leadership on this issue,” concluded LeMahieu.

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